



# **COCAINE**

The 'Wonder Drug'

# What is it?

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- Also known as Coke, Snow, Powder, Yeyo, Smack, Blow
  - Created from cocoa plants native to Africa
  - Can be cooked into crystals: CRACK
  - A powerfully addictive stimulant
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# How does cocaine work?

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- When consumed, immediately enters the bloodstream, and goes to brain.
- Blocks brain's ability to recycle chemicals in brain, resulting in stimulant buildup.
- "High" last based on way of consumption and personal stats; lasts from 30 minutes to 2 hours.



# How it's viewed

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- Cocaine was banned in the US in 1922
  - In the 70s it emerged as a fashionable new drug for entertainers and business people
  - In the late 70s Colombian drug traffickers began setting up a network for smuggling coke into the US
  - more than 300 known active drug smuggling organizations in Colombia today
  - As of 2008, cocaine became the second most trafficked illegal drug in the world
  - Somewhat glorified by films like Scarface and The Wolf of Wall Street
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# Physical and Psychological Effects

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## Physical

- Dilates eyes
- Snorting: irregular nose bleeds, loss of smell, tissue loss
- Injecting: HIV, allergenic reactions, Hepatitis C
- Ingesting: ulcers, perforation of stomach & intestines



## Psychological

- Tolerance, Dependence, and Addiction
- Irritation
- “Craving” for more cocaine
- reduced stimuli from all sources



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